

WILLIAMSPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

Survey # \* WA-WIL-027                      Approximate date late 19th century  
Street Address 40-42 North Conococheague Street  
Town, State Williamsport, Maryland  
private X, public \_\_\_\_

Description

Detached northernmost section of a late 19th century painted brick Italianate commercial/residential row. Original storefront and a massive bracketed cornice. One of several Williamsport buildings with notable intact storefronts from the Ca. 1900 period. This building held the town Post Office until the 1960s. The Post Office is noted on the 1910 Sanborn Insurance map.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
- Industrial Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community  
Planning  
Government/Law
- IV. Resource Type
- Category: Building
- Historic Environment: Urban
- Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
- DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling  
GOVERNMENT/post office
- Known Design Source: Unknown

Photo Reference: Photo # 4

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

40-42 North Conococheague Street

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40-42 North Conococheague Street

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ruby E. and Ashby J. Fox

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Falling Waters,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

West Virginia 25419

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 636

Folio #: 792

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

WIL-025

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This large corner building is the northernmost of a series of Italianate three story brick structures on the west side of North Conococheague Street. It stands on the southwest corner of North Conococheague and West Potomac Streets. The building's main or east facade has four bays while its long north side along Potomac Street contains ten bays. The building has been painted buff. The most elaborate of the three structures in the row, this building displays windows with shouldered segmental arches. At the first story at the north end is an original three part store front, consisting of segmentally arched plate glass windows flanking a recessed entrance. The store front is similar to that in building WA-WIL-025, with paneled and molded woodwork and a bracketed cornice at its top.

Other windows in the building have single pane sashes. The easternmost bay at the second story of the north elevation has a projecting wooden window bay trimmed with moldings and brackets.

The building is crowned with a heavy cornice and two series of brackets.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 latex	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	

This building is particularly significant as one of a series of Italianate commercial and residential structures in this block of Conococheague Street. It is most noteworthy as an architectural example because it has received almost no alteration to its exterior.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_ Town lot # 40, 37' x 96'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Sharpsburg	Maryland 21782

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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PROPERTY MAP DIVISION  
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BUILDING CODE LEGEND

STREET FRONT BUILDING STRUCTURE TO ITS OWN

CONTRIBUTING TO A NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT

CONTRIBUTING BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES WHICH SHOULD BE  
PRESERVED THROUGH RECONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION

UNDESIRABLE BUILDINGS / STRUCTURES WHICH DO NOT MEET THE HISTORICAL  
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT

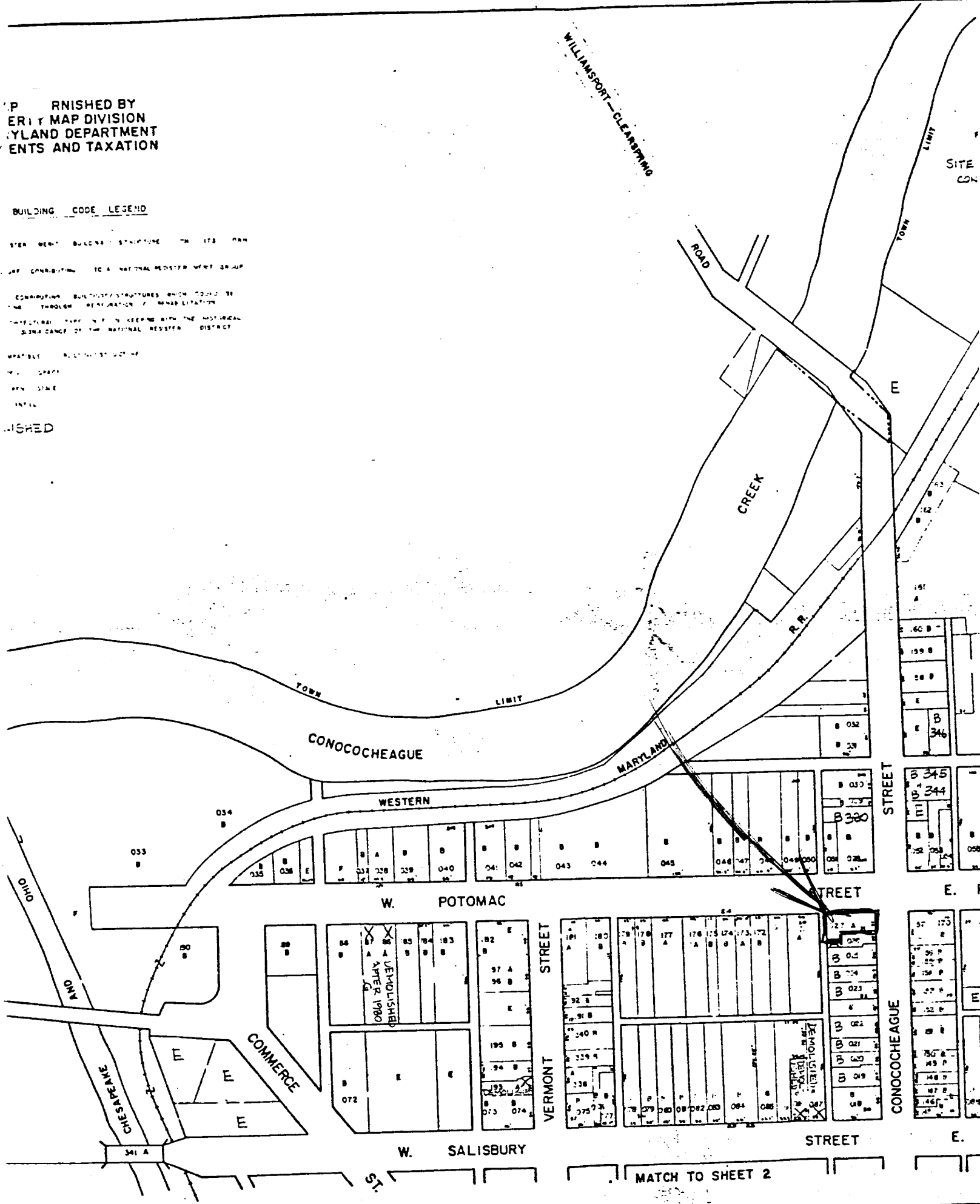
UNDESIRABLE BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES

WATER

RAILROAD

UNDEVELOPED

UNDEVELOPED





WA-WIL-027

Commercial/Residential Building, 40-42 North  
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Williamsport, Maryland, Washington County  
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East and North Elevation